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Three Fantastic Dances, Op. 5 — Dmitri Shostakovich (1906-1975)

March: Allegretto
Waltz: Andantino
Polka: Allegretto

Twenty- Four Preludes, Op. 34

Moderato: C major
Allegretto: A minor
Andante: G major
Moderato: E minor
Allegro: D major
Allegretto: B minor
Andante: A major
Allegretto: F sharp minor
Presto: E major
Moderato non troppo: C sharp minor
Allegretto in B major
Allegretto non troppo: G sharp minor
Moderato: F sharp minor
Adagio: E flat minor
Allegretto: D flat major
Andantino: B flat minor
Largo: A flat major
Allegretto: F minor
Andantino: E flat major
Allegretto furioso: C minor
Allegretto poco moderato: B flat major
Adagio: G minor
Moderato: F major
Allegretto: D minor

-Intermission-

Program, continued

Pictures at an Exhibition — Modest Mussorgsky (1839- 1881)

Promenade: Allegro giusto
The Gnome: Sempre vivo
Promenade: Moderato
The Old Castle: Andantino molto
Promenade: Moderato non tanto
Tuileries: Allegro non troppo
Bydlo: Sempre moderato
Promenade: Tranquillo
Ballet of the Unhatched Chicks: Scherzino
Samuel Goldenberg and Schmuyle: Andante
Promenade: Allegro guisto
The Market Place at Limoges: Allegretto vivo
Catacombs (Sepulchrum Romanum): Largo
Cum mortuis in lingua mortua: Andante non troppo
The Hut on Fowl's Legs (Baba-Yaga): Allegro con brio
The Great Gate of Kiev: Allegro alla breve

This recital is being given in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Doctor of Music Degree. Yoana Kyurkchieva is a student of Dr. Jacques Després.

Bulgarian pianist Yoana Kyurkchieva's interpretations express musicality and passion. She began to play the piano at the age of four, gave her first performance at the age of eight, and her first concert with an orchestra at the age of eleven. She earned her high school diploma at the National School of the Arts in Rousse, Bulgaria with distinction, and continued her education at the National Music Academy in Sofia, Bulgaria where she received a Bachelor of Music degree and a Master of Music degree in piano performance, chamber music, collaborative and pedagogy with distinction. Ms. Kyurkchieva won a merit scholarship to attend the University of North Carolina School of the Arts and earned with distinction her second Master of Music degree and the Postgraduate Professional Artist Certificate in the piano studio of Mr. Eric Larsen.

Ms. Kyurkchieva has won many piano competitions: the International Competition for German and Austrian music, Bourgas, Bulgaria; the International Competition, Markopolou, Greece; the International Competition "Carl Filtsch," Sibio, Romania; the International Competition "Pancho Vladigerov," Schoumen, Bulgaria; the International Competition "The Seiler," Sofia, Bulgaria; the International Competition for French music, Plovdiv, Bulgaria; the Honorary award for outstanding musicianship at "Peter de Grote," Groningen, Holland; the International Competition at Long Island Conservatory in New York City where she won an award and scholarship; the National Music Academy Competition for Chamber Music in Sofia, Bulgaria; the NCMTA State Steinway Young Artist Competition where she was a winner, and the MTNA Southern Division Competition where she received Honorary Award.

Yoana Kyurkchieva was a soloist with The Classic St. Petersburg Orchestra, Russia; the Rousse Orchestra, Bulgaria; the Schoumen Orchestra, Bulgaria; and the Academy Orchestra, Sofia, Bulgaria. She performed throughout Bulgaria, Romania, Germany, Holland, Greece, Russia, Canada, and the USA and participated in concerts at Merkin Hall, Steinway Hall, Old Westbury Gardens, NYC, Stevens Center, NC, and Winspear Centre for the Arts, Edmonton, CA. Ms. Kyurkchieva was part of the "Prize Winners Tour," organized by Yeunesses Musicales, and performed in several cities in Romania. She also won a merit scholarship to study at the Meadowmount School of Music where she had solo and chamber music performances. Yoana Kyurkchieva continues her studies taking part in festivals and master classes with Menahem Pressler, Lazar Berman, Oxana Yablonskaya, Boris Bloch, Yania Aubakirova, Tamara Poddubnaya, Rian de Waal, Bozhidar Noev, Bruce Vogt, and Eric Larsen.

Ms. Kyurkchieva is in demand as an accompanist and appears with many chamber music ensemble partners. She has recorded for the Bulgarian Radio and the Bulgarian National Television. Her performances of solo piano and chamber music at Meadowmount can be found on YouTube. Ms. Kyurkchieva has won FS Chia Doctoral scholarship to attend the Doctorate of Music program at the University of Alberta, CA, where she is currently teaching assistant in the piano studio of Dr. Jacques Després.